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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-21, 23-25, 27 and 28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-21, 23-25, 27 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-18, 20, 21, 23-25, 27 and 28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 July 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Applicant's claim for benefit of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a) – (d) is acknowledged.

The application is filed on 7/15/2005 but is a 371 case of PCT/EP04/00316 application filed 1/16/2004 and has a foreign priority application filed on 1/17/2003.

Preliminary Amendment

2. Examiner acknowledges Preliminary Amendment for the claims filed 7/15/2005. Applicants have amended pending claims 1 – 5, 7 – 10, 12, 14 – 18, 20, 23 – 25 and 27 – 28 and cancelled claims 11, 22 and 26. The submitted amendments have been entered and made of record. Presently, pending claims are 1 – 10, 12, 13 – 21, 23 – 25, 27 and 28.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink (SPEC: Page 9 Line 11 – 12). Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01.

Claim Objection

4. Claims 1 and 5 are objected to because of the following informalities: "Method" should be replaced with "A method". Appropriate correction(s) is (are) required.

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5. Claims 2 – 4 and 6 – 10, 12 -- 17 are objected to because of the following informalities: "Method" should be replaced with "The method". Appropriate correction(s) is (are) required.
6. Claim 16 is objected to because of the following informalities: "bonus material of the content" should be replaced with "bonus material of a content". Appropriate correction(s) is (are) required.
7. Claim 18 is objected to because of the following informalities: "Computer program product" should be replaced with "A computer program product". Appropriate correction(s) is (are) required.
8. Claim 20 is objected to because of the following informalities: "Record carrier" should be replaced with "A record carrier". Appropriate correction(s) is (are) required.
9. Claims 21, 23 – 25, 27 and 28 are objected to because of the following informalities: "Record carrier" should be replaced with "The record carrier". Appropriate correction(s) is (are) required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

10. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because these claims are directed to "A computer program product", which is merely an example of functional descriptive material, (i.e. software, per se), and is nonstatutory under 35 USC 101. By not limiting

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the computer program product to being stored on a computer readable storage medium, there is a lack of the required functional and structural interrelationship between the software and the computer storage medium that permits the functionality of the software to be realized upon access by a processor. This ability is what underlies the ability to provide a practical application. Warmerdam, 33 F.3d at 1361, 31 USPQ2d at 1760. In re Sarkar, 588 F.2d 1330, 1333, 200 USPQ 132, 137 (CCPA 1978). See MPEP § 2106 (IV.B).1(a).

Examiner suggests incorporating dependent claim 19 into the claim 18 to resolve the 101 issue set forth as above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

11. Claims 4, 6 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 4 and 6, the use of the claim language "preferably" renders these claims indefinite, since this claim language leads to a question of whether the claimed operations really occurred and as such merely suggests limitations or makes limitations indefinite and optional.

Regarding claim 18, the phrase "or the like" renders the claim(s) indefinite because the claim(s) include(s) elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by

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"or the like"), thereby rendering the scope of the claim(s) unascertainable. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

12. Claims 1 – 10, 12, 13, 15 – 21, 23 – 25, 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paolucci et al. (France Patent FR-A-2822255), in view of Rajakarunanayake (U.S. Patent 6,587,883, and in view of Greene et al. (U.S. Patent 6,802,000).

As per claim 1, Paolucci teaches a method for **securing an access to a predetermined area of a target server** (Paolucci: Page 5 Line 1 – 3, Page 10, 2nd Para and Page 17, 3rd Bullet: enabling a secure access to a specific internet website (i.e. a predetermined area of a target server) from a CD), characterized by:

providing an information file on a copy protected record carrier (Paolucci: Page 6, 2nd Para, 1 – 4 Bullets, Page 10 Line 1 – 2, Page 16, 2nd – 5th Para, Page 17, 3rd Bullet, Page 7 Line 1 and Page 9, 1st Para / 3rd Para: a CD that stores user

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information (e.g., 5 -character confidential code, URL address and password) in a secure manner by making it impossible to be reproduced is considered as one type of copy protected record carriers and the stored user information allowing a user to automatically access and launch an internet connection request is considered as an information file), **which information file comprises a project identifier and/or an address of an authentication server with which an application using said information file can communicate** (Paolucci: Page 7 Line 1, Page 15 Line 6 – 8, Page 17, 3rd Bullet, Page 10, 2nd Para, Page 9, 1st Para / 3rd Para, Page 14 Line 5 – 7 and Page 6, Last 2nd Bullets: (a) the information regarding the application enabling a secure access to a specific internet website is stored on the CD (b) the stored information to automatically launch the internet connection request to access specific internet website and to validate the authorized opening session with 5 characters confidential code (& URL address and password) is considered as part of information to communicate with an authentication server and (c) the user's confidential access code (& URL address and password) to access a specific internet website is considered as part of a project identifier).

However, Paolucci does not disclose expressly the authentication server can initiate and confirm a connection between a computer on which said application is started and said predetermined area of said target server that is identified by the authentication server and/or the project identifier.

Rajakarunanayake teaches **the authentication server can initiate and confirm a connection between a computer on which said application is started and said**

predetermined area of said target server that is identified by the authentication server and/or the project identifier (Rajakarunanayake: Column 6 Line 36 – 38 / Line 50 – 53 / Line 63 – 67 and Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157: an Authentication server is used to provide a secure connection to a secure target location and the user identifier (i.e. authentication information) is used by the Authentication server to uniquely identify the desired target location and once the desired target location is determined (i.e. after the positive verification of the user identifier and authentication information by the authentication server), a new session is established between the user and the determined target location by the authentication server – i.e., there are two sections: one session between the clients and the authentication server and subsequently a new session is started between the clients and the target system (ISP)).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Rajakarunanayake within the system of Paolucci because (a) Paolucci teaches providing an automated secured access to a target location (i.e. internet website) by launching of the process from a user's CD at the client site and authenticating with the target system for the open session connection (Paolucci : Page 2 Line 1 – 2 and Page 6, 5th Bullet), and (b) Rajakarunanayake teaches using an authentication server to establish a new secured session between the user and the determined target location while the connectivity is disabled to other target locations so that the desired target system at the secure location may not be exposed to

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the risk of unauthorized access (Rajakarunanayake: Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157 and Column 2 Line 7 – 10).

Paolucci as modified does not disclose expressly said authentication server verifies whether or not a changing parameter of the computer, in particular a randomly generated number and/or a computer system time transmitted from said computer, was not already previously used and initiates a connection of said computer with said predetermined area of said target in case of a positive verification.

Greene teaches said authentication server verifies whether or not a changing parameter of the computer, in particular a randomly generated number and/or a computer system time transmitted from said computer, was not already previously used and initiates a connection of said computer with said predetermined area of said target in case of a positive verification (Greene: Column 1 Line 50 – 52 / Line 55 – 60: a one-time pad of passwords is synchronously changed and used between the end-to-end parties and a previously valid password does not provide any information about the validity of subsequent passwords).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Greene within the system of Paolucci as modified because (a) Paolucci teaches providing an automated secured access to a target location (i.e. internet website) by launching of the process from a user's CD at the client site and authenticating with the target system for the open session connection (Paolucci : Page 2 Line 1 – 2 and Page 6, 5th Bullet), and (b) Greene teaches using an one-time pad of passwords to be synchronously changed between the client and the

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authentication server so that exposure of a password over an insecure channel does not compromise the security of subsequent transactions because a previously valid password does not provide any information about the validity of subsequent passwords (Greene: Column 1 Line 50 – 52 / Line 55 – 60).

As per claim 5, Paolucci teaches a method for **starting a secure access to a predetermined area of a target server** (Paolucci: Page 5 Line 1 – 3, Page 10, 2nd Para and Page 17, 3rd Bullet: enabling a secure access to a specific internet website (i.e. a predetermined area of a target server) from a CD), characterized by:

accessing of an information file on a copy protected record carrier (Paolucci: Page 6, 2nd Para, 1 – 4 Bullets, Page 10 Line 1 – 2, Page 16, 2nd – 5th Para, Page 17, 3rd Bullet, Page 7 Line 1 and Page 9, 1st Para / 3rd Para: a CD that stores user information (e.g., 5-character confidential code, URL address and password) in a secure manner by making it impossible to be reproduced is considered as one type of copy protected record carriers and the stored user information allowing a user to automatically access and launch an internet connection request is considered as an information file), **which information file comprises a project identifier and/or an address of an authentication server with which an application using said information file can communicate** (Paolucci: Page 7 Line 1, Page 15 Line 6 – 8, Page 17, 3rd Bullet, Page 10, 2nd Para, Page 9, 1st Para / 3rd Para, Page 14 Line 5 – 7 and Page 6, Last 2nd Bullets: (a) the information regarding the application enabling a secure access to a specific internet website is stored on the CD (b) the stored information to

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automatically launch the internet connection request to access specific internet website and to validate the authorized opening session with 5 characters confidential code (& URL address and password) is considered as part of information to communicate with an authentication server and (c) the user's confidential access code (& URL address and password) to access a specific internet website is considered as part of a project identifier).

However, Paolucci does not disclose expressly the authentication server can initiate and confirm a connection between a computer on which said application is started and said predetermined area of said target server that is identified by the authentication server and/or the project identifier.

Rajakarunanayake teaches the authentication server can initiate and confirm a connection between a computer on which said application is started and said predetermined area of said target server that is identified by the authentication server and/or the project identifier (Rajakarunanayake: Column 6 Line 36 – 38 / Line 50 – 53 / Line 63 – 67 and Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157: an Authentication server is used to provide a secure connection to a secure target location and the user identifier (i.e. authentication information) is used by the Authentication server to uniquely identify the desired target location and once the desired target location is determined (i.e. after the positive verification of the user identifier and authentication information by the authentication server), a new session is established between the user and the determined target location by the authentication server – i.e., there are two sections: one session between the clients and the

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authentication server and subsequently a new session is started between the clients and the target system (ISP)).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Rajakarunanayake within the system of Paolucci because (a) Paolucci teaches providing an automated secured access to a target location (i.e. internet website) by launching of the process from a user's CD at the client site and authenticating with the target system for the open session connection (Paolucci : Page 2 Line 1 – 2 and Page 6, 5th Bullet), and (b) Rajakarunanayake teaches using an authentication server to establish a new secured session between the user and the determined target location while the connectivity is disabled to other target locations so that the desired target system at the secure location may not be exposed to the risk of unauthorized access (Rajakarunanayake: Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157 and Column 2 Line 7 – 10).

Paolucci as modified does not disclose expressly said authentication server verifies whether or not a changing parameter of the computer, in particular a randomly generated number and/or a computer system time transmitted from said computer, was not already previously used.

Greene teaches **said authentication server verifies whether or not a changing parameter of the computer, in particular a randomly generated number and/or a computer system time transmitted from said computer, was not already previously used** (Greene: Column 1 Line 50 – 52 / Line 55 – 60: a one-time pad of passwords is synchronously changed and used between the end-to-end parties and a

previously valid password does not provide any information about the validity of subsequent passwords).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Greene within the system of Paolucci as modified because (a) Paolucci teaches providing an automated secured access to a target location (i.e. internet website) by launching of the process from a user's CD at the client site and authenticating with the target system for the open session connection (Paolucci : Page 2 Line 1 – 2 and Page 6, 5th Bullet), and (b) Greene teaches using an one-time pad of passwords to be synchronously changed between the client and the authentication server so that exposure of a password over an insecure channel does not compromise the security of subsequent transactions because a previously valid password does not provide any information about the validity of subsequent passwords (Greene: Column 1 Line 50 – 52 / Line 55 – 60).

initiates a connection of said computer with said predetermined area of said target server in case of a positive verification (Rajakarunanayake: Column 6 Line 36 – 38 / Line 50 – 53 / Line 63 – 67 and Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157: after the positive verification of the user identifier and authentication information by the authentication server (i.e. once the desired target location is determined), a new session is established between the user and the determined target location by the authentication server).

As per claim 20, Paolucci teaches a **record carrier** (Paolucci: Page 5 Line 1 – 3, Page 10, 2nd Para and Page 17, 3rd Bullet: enabling a secure access to a specific internet website (i.e. a predetermined area of a target server) from a record carrier CD), characterized by:

being copy protected and comprising an application and an information file (Paolucci: Page 6, 2nd Para, 1 – 4 Bullets, Page 10 Line 1 – 2, Page 16, 2nd – 5th Para, Page 17, 3rd Bullet, Page 7 Line 1 and Page 9, 1st Para / 3rd Para: a CD that stores user information (e.g., 5 -character confidential code, URL address and password) in a secure manner by making it impossible to be reproduced is considered as one type of copy protected record carriers and the stored user information allowing a user to automatically access and launch an application process in auto-run mode from the CD to make an internet connection request are considered as the application process and the information file), **which information file comprises a project identifier and/or an address of an authentication server with which the application using said information file can communicate** (Paolucci: Page 7 Line 1, Page 15 Line 6 – 8, Page 17, 3rd Bullet, Page 10, 2nd Para, Page 9, 1st Para / 3rd Para, Page 14 Line 5 – 7 and Page 6, Last 2nd Bullets: (a) the information regarding the application enabling a secure access to a specific internet website is stored on the CD (b) the stored information to automatically launch the internet connection request to access specific internet website and to validate the authorized opening session with 5 characters confidential code (& URL address and password) is considered as part of information to communicate with an authentication server and (c) the user's confidential access code (& URL address

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and password) to access a specific internet website is considered as part of a project identifier).

However, Paolucci does not disclose expressly the authentication server can initiate and confirm a connection between a computer on which said application file is started and a predetermined area of a target server that is identified by the authentication server and/or the project identifiers.

Rajakarunanayake teaches **the authentication server can initiate and confirm a connection between a computer on which said application file is started and a predetermined area of a target server that is identified by the authentication server and/or the project identifiers** (Rajakarunanayake: Column 6 Line 36 – 38 / Line 50 – 53 / Line 63 – 67 and Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157: an Authentication server is used to provide a secure connection to a secure target location and the user identifier (i.e. authentication information) is used by the Authentication server to uniquely identify the desired target location and once the desired target location is determined (i.e. after the positive verification of the user identifier and authentication information by the authentication server), a new session is established between the user and the determined target location by the authentication server – i.e., there are two sections: one session between the clients and the authentication server and subsequently a new session is started between the clients and the target system (ISP)).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Rajakarunanayake within the system of

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Paolucci because (a) Paolucci teaches providing an automated secured access to a target location (i.e. internet website) by launching of the process from a user's CD at the client site and authenticating with the target system for the open session connection (Paolucci : Page 2 Line 1 – 2 and Page 6, 5th Bullet), and (b) Rajakarunanayake teaches using an authentication server to establish a new secured session between the user and the determined target location while the connectivity is disabled to other target locations so that the desired target system at the secure location may not be exposed to the risk of unauthorized access (Rajakarunanayake: Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157 and Column 2 Line 7 – 10).

Paolucci as modified does not disclose expressly said application transmits a changing parameter of the computer, in particular a randomly generated number and/or a computer system time to said authentication server so that said authentication server can verify whether or not the changing parameter of the computer was not already previously used.

Greene teaches **said application transmits a changing parameter of the computer, in particular a randomly generated number and/or a computer system time to said authentication server so that said authentication server can verify whether or not the changing parameter of the computer was not already previously used** (Greene: Column 1 Line 50 – 52 / Line 55 – 60: a one-time pad of passwords is synchronously changed and used between the end-to-end parties and a previously valid password does not provide any information about the validity of subsequent passwords).

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initiate a connection of said computer with said predetermined area of said target server in case of a positive verification (Rajakarunanayake: Column 6 Line 36 – 38 / Line 50 – 53 / Line 63 – 67 and Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157: after the positive verification of the user identifier and authentication information by the authentication server (i.e. once the desired target location is determined), a new session is established between the user and the determined target location by the authentication server).

As per claim 2, Paolucci as modified teaches characterized by providing an autorun-information file on said record carrier, which autorun-information file provides an automatic execution of a predetermined executable file after the record carrier is

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loaded in a reading device (Paolucci: Page 7, Section of Auto-run mode, 1st Para and Page 7 Line 1: automatic launching of connection request upon the insertion of the CD).

As per claim 3 and 25, Paolucci as modified teaches providing an autostart file on said record carrier, which autostart file gets automatically executed after the record carrier is placed and loaded in a reading device and which autostart file provides a link to start said application, or which autostart file is part of said application, or which autostart file is said information file (Paolucci: Page 7, Section of Auto-run mode, 1st Para, Page 17, 3rd Bullet and Page 7 Line 1 and Page 15 Line 6 – 8: automatic launching of connection request upon the insertion of the CD).

As per claim 4, Paolucci as modified teaches providing the application on said record carrier, or on a server, preferably downloadable, or on an access-software record carrier (Paolucci: Page 6, 2nd Para, 1st Bullet and Page 15 Line 6 – 8: Launching of the process in Auto-run mode from the CD).

As per claim 6, Paolucci as modified teaches starting the application from said record carrier, or from a server, preferably as a download, or via an access-software record carrier, preferably after an installation of the application on a hard disc of the computer (Paolucci: Page 6, 2nd Para, 1st Bullet and Page 17, 3rd Bullet: Launching of the process in Auto-run mode from the CD).

As per claim 7, 21 and 23, Paolucci as modified teaches said application verifies whether or not the record carrier is an original and performs said communication with said authentication server in case of a positive verification (Paolucci: Page 10 Line 1 – 2 & 2nd Para, Page 6, Last 2nd Para, Page 9, 1st Para and Page 17, 3rd Bullet: an access to a certain website is only possible by using the original CD because the information file (e.g., key / confidential access code, URL and password) integrated into a specific file enabling a secure access to the website is copy-protected (i.e. is impossible to be reproduced)) and as such, the communication with the authentication server cannot be started without the information file due to being copy-protected).

As per claim 8, Paolucci as modified teaches said application transmits a changing parameter of the computer, in particular a randomly generated number and/or a computer system time to said authentication server (Greene: Column 1 Line 50 – 52 / Line 55 – 60: a one-time pad of passwords is synchronously changed and used between the end-to-end parties and a previously valid password does not provide any information about the validity of subsequent passwords).

As per claim 9, Paolucci as modified teaches said authentication server verifies whether or not the communication with said application and/or a transmission of said project identifier as a request for a connection between said computer and said predetermined area of said target server is posted from said application and initiates a connection of said computer with said predetermined area of said target server in case

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of a positive verification (Paolucci: Page 7 Line 1, Page 8, 2nd Para / Line 5 – 7 Page 9, 1st Para and Page 17, 3rd Bullet: between the access device and the authentication server) & (Rajakarunanayake: Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157 and Column 2 Line 7 – 10: after the positive verification of the user identifier and authentication information by the authentication server, a new session is established between the user and the determined target location by the authentication server).

As per claim 10, Paolucci as modified teaches after a positive verification a connection between said authentication server and said target server is set-up by said authentication server that connects to said target server to secure that the computer is connected to said predetermined area of said target server via said authentication server (Rajakarunanayake: Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157 and Column 2 Line 7 – 10: after the positive verification of the user identifier and authentication information by the authentication server, a new session is established between the user and the determined target location by the authentication server).

As per claim 12, Paolucci as modified teaches:

the authentication server generates a session identifier based on the positive verified values and transmits said session identifier to said target server via said connection between said authentication server and said target server

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(Rajakarunanayake: Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157 and Column 2 Line 7 – 10: after the positive verification of the user identifier and authentication information by the authentication server, a new session is established between the user and the determined target location by the authentication server),

said connection between said computer on which said application is started and said predetermined area of said target server is set up by redirecting the connection between the computer and the authentication server to the target server or by forwarding data of the protected area to the computer (Rajakarunanayake: Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17 & Figure 3 / Element 330 & 157 and Column 2 Line 7 – 10), and

said connection between said computer on which said application is started and said predetermined area of said target server is executed after the target server received a confirmation of a validity of the session identifier from the authentication server (Rajakarunanayake: Column 6 Line 63 – Column 7 Line 1 and Column 12 Line 1 – 2 / Line 12 – 17: when the user ends the session to the target location, the user need to be authenticated by the authentication server again – and therefore, Examiner notes the target server received a confirmation of a validity of the session identifier from the authentication server).

As per claim 13, Paolucci as modified teaches the authentication server confirms the validity of the session identifier by positively determining whether or not the session identifier exists and/or whether or not the session identifier was already requested to be

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valid (Greene: Column 1 Line 50 – 52 / Line 55 – 60: a one-time pad of passwords is synchronously changed and used between the end-to-end parties and a previously valid password does not provide any information about the validity of subsequent passwords).

As per claim 15, Paolucci as modified teaches said record carrier is copy protected by copy protecting the information file (Paolucci: Page 10 Line 1 – 2 & 2nd Para, Page 6, Last 2nd Para, Page 9, 1st Para and Page 17, 3rd Bullet: key / confidential access code, URL and password integrated into a specific file, as part of the information file, enabling a secure access to an internet website is copy-protected (i.e. is impossible to be reproduced), as taught by Paolucci).

As per claim 16 and 28, Paolucci as modified teaches said predetermined area on said target server comprises bonus material of the content that is included on the record carrier besides said executable file (Paolucci: Page 19 Last Para, Page 18 Last 2nd Para: e.g. a email address search list or an international phone book is considered as a bonus material included in the predetermined email URL address website).

As per claim 17 and 27, Paolucci as modified teaches said information file is a part of said application or is an executable file of said application (Paolucci: Page 10 Line 4 – 6 / Line 10 – 11, Page 17, 3rd Bullet and Page 14 Line 6 – 7).

As per claim 18, Paolucci as modified teaches computer program means adapted to perform the method steps as defined in claim 1 or parts thereof when being executed on a computer, digital signal processor, or the like (Paolucci: Page 2 and Page 5).

As per claim 19, Paolucci as modified teaches computer readable storage means, comprising a computer program product according to claim 18 (Paolucci: Page 2 and Page 5).

As per claim 24, Paolucci as modified teaches an autorun-information file, which provides an automatic execution of a predetermined executable file after the record carrier is loaded in a reading device (Paolucci: Page 7, Section of Auto-run Mode, Line 1 – 4: loaded from a CD reader as a reading device).

13. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paolucci et al. (France Patent FR-A-2822255), in view of Rajakarunanayake (U.S. Patent 6,587,883, and in view of Greene et al. (U.S. Patent 6,802,000), and in view of Mitchell et al. (U.S. Patent 6,959,420).

As per claim 14, Paolucci as modified does not disclose expressly the target server assigns a temporary session cookie to the computer so that the whole

predetermined area of the target server can be accessed via said connection between said computer on which said application is started and said target server.

Mitchell teaches the target server assigns a temporary session cookie to the computer so that the whole predetermined area of the target server can be accessed via said connection between said computer on which said application is started and said target server (Mitchell: Column 1 Line 28 – 35 / Line 43 – 45 / Line 56 – 60: a temporary or session cookie is stored on a user's computer only for the current browsing session and the cookie is deleted from the computer when the browsing software is closed).

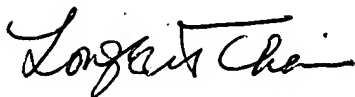
It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Greene within the system of Paolucci as modified because (a) Paolucci teaches providing an automated secured access to a target location (i.e. internet website) by launching of the process from a user's CD at the client site and authenticating with the target system for the open session connection (Paolucci : Page 2 Line 1 – 2 and Page 6, 5th Bullet), and (b) Mitchell teaches using a temporary session cookie to be stored on a user's computer so that the user does not have to repeatedly resubmit information to the website and the cookie is valid only for the current browsing session and is deleted when the browsing session is closed to avoid the abuse of the user's privacy by the untrustworthy website (Mitchell: Column 1 Line 28 – 35 / Line 43 – 45 / Line 56 – 60 / Line 61 – 67).

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